

APPENDIX B LETTER OF CONCURRENCE, CITY OF TUKWILA

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February 13, 2008

Bruce Fletcher
Parks Director
City of Tukwila
6300 Southcenter Boulevard
Tukwila, WA 98188

Re: Tukwila to Renton Improvement Project Section 4(f) Consultation Summary for Duwamish-Green River Trail/Christensen Greenbelt, Duwamish-Green River Trail Trailhead, and Interurban Trail

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

The I-405, Tukwila to Renton Improvement Project (I-5 to SR 169 - Phase 2) will widen or construct six bridges over the Green River and reconstruct the I-405 / SR 181 interchange in the City of Tukwila (the City). These improvements will have an effect upon three recreational resources owned or maintained by the City.

This letter summarizes the consultation between Rick Still, Deputy Director, Tukwila Parks and Recreation, and Linda Osborn, I-405 Project Team. The I-405 Project Team completed a Section 4(f) evaluation for each of the resources. We prepared the evaluations based on guidance contained in the FHWA Section 4(f) Policy Paper issued March 1, 2005; Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 771.135 (Section 4(f)); and the WSDOT *Environmental Procedures Manual* published March 2005. The consultation concluded the following:

1) Duwamish-Green River Trail/Christensen Greenbelt

This property was purchased using the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act funds, making it both a Section 6(f) and a Section 4(f) resource. While no direct use will result from the Project, a new bridge crossing over the trail will infringe upon approximately 2,000 square feet of air rights. WSDOT will coordinate with the City, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, and the National Park Service to complete the Section 6(f) process once project funding is secured. No Section 4(f) lands will be permanently acquired from this trail. There will be temporary occupancy during construction. The occupancy is temporary because:

- The disruption to the trail will require less time than the construction period for the entire project;

- There will be no change in ownership;
- The nature and the magnitude of the changes to the Section 4(f) resource are minimal;
- There are no anticipated permanent adverse physical impacts and there will be no interference with the activities or purpose of the resource, on either a temporary or permanent basis; and
- The land being used will be restored to a condition which is at least as good as that prior to the project.

WSDOT will also work with the City of Tukwila to determine appropriate detour routes and signage during construction.

2) Duwamish-Green River Trailhead

The construction of Tukwila Parkway over the Green River will result in a direct use of approximately 36,600 square feet of land and displace approximately 13 parking spaces at the trailhead. WSDOT will replace any park land lost with in-kind mitigation at a location to be agreed upon by the City and WSDOT at the time the Project is funded. WSDOT and the City agree to no net loss of parking spaces at the trailhead. WSDOT and the City also agree to relocate an overlook on the Green River if the constructed Project conflicts with the current location of the overlook. WSDOT will replace existing park amenities, including landscaping, upon the conclusion of the Project.

3) Interurban Trail

This trail currently crosses under I-405 along SR 181. WSDOT will relocate the trail to the east from its current location as part of reconstructing the I-405 / SR 181 Interchange. The trail will be routed to cross under I-405 adjacent to the Union Pacific and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad right-of-way. No Section 4(f) lands will be permanently acquired from this trail. There will be temporary occupancy during construction. The occupancy is temporary because:

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- There will be no change in ownership;
- The nature and the magnitude of the changes to the Section 4(f) resource are minimal;
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- The land being used will be restored to a condition which is at least as good as that prior to the project.

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Please confirm the City's concurrence with the three points above by returning a copy of this letter signed by the City's designated representative.

Sincerely,



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